

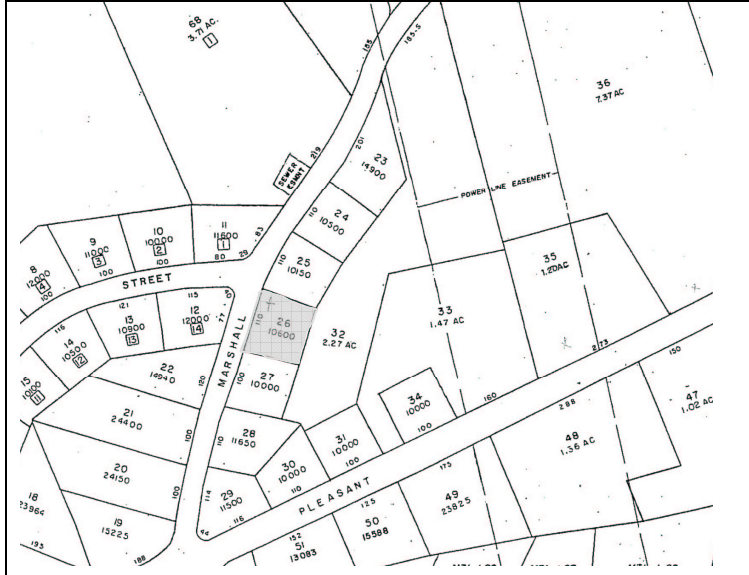
FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Photograph



Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Date (month / year): March 2010

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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Town: Tewksbury

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)

Address: 284 Marshall Street

Historic Name: William & Ruth Smith House

Uses: Present: Single Family Residential

Original: Single Family Residential

Date of Construction: 1928

Source: Deed Research

Style/Form: Craftsman/Bungalow

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Molded Concrete Block

Wall/Trim: Ship Lap Siding

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Garage (c1928)

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Condition: Fair

Moved: no | X | yes | | **Date** _____

Acreage: 0.42 Acres

Setting: Set near the street in a primarily residential area.

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TEWKSBURY

284 MARSHALL STREET

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___ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

A row of large stones separates the yard from East Street.

The house at **284 Marshall Street** is one-story in height. The irregularly shaped building is set on a concrete block foundation. The three by two bay home contains details characteristic of the Craftsman Style including: exposed rafter tails and roof beams, an exterior chimney, decorated verge boards, and windows with multi-pane sashes over single pane sashes. The gable-on-hip roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. On the main (west) façade the windows are grouped in threes with a slightly larger central window. The main entrance is located in a projecting front bay with a small entry porch on the south side. A small addition projects from the rear (southeast) corner of the house.

A small one-car garage is located to the southwest of the house. The gable front garage has an attached shed roof addition. Like the house the garage is clad in clapboards and features a prominent gable trim.

The house was previously associated with a complex of greenhouses (see aerial image) now demolished and replaced by two house lots. The outbuildings include three long greenhouses parallel to Marshall Street, a fourth green house perpendicular to the street and attached to the flower house and connected boiler plant. The centrally located boiler plant featured a large brick chimney.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

In 1908 Edgar Smith bought land on the south side of Marshall Street from Albert Stanhope. In 1928 he transferred the a portion of the land to his son William A Smith. Both Smith's were florists with a large greenhouse operation. The family's greenhouses on the west side of the street were removed c 2009 and replaced by two house lots. Modern greenhouses are located on the east side of Marshall Street adjacent to the Edgar Smith House at 283 Marshall Street.

Additional owners include: Willam Smith and his wife Ruth (1928-1985); their daughter Doris McPhail (1985-1998); John McPhail (1998-2005); Cobo Inc (2005); and John Maxner & Diane Smith (2005).

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